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TITLE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

International Workers Order maintains headquarters at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, ostensibly a fraternal society. National secretary, MAX BEDATICH; national officers, language groups and general organization set out. Informants advised that subject organization is apparently infiltrated with Communist Party members and that the party is making considerable effort to influence the organization. Local activities, branch officers, and members set forth insofar as they are known.

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References:

Report of Special Agent W. L. SHEETS dated 1/30/41 at Baltimore, Maryland.

Details:

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND:

- Outline —
- I. National organization
 - II. Informants dealing with Communist infiltration
 - III. Activities of the organization
 - IV. Branches and membership

The International Workers Order will be referred to in this report as the IWO.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Nat'l Representative, International Workers Order

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Auspices: Baltimore City Committee of the International Workers Order "

'We are particularly concerned with the activities of the various fifth column elements at work amongst the national groups of this country.

'We in the IWO know full well that the press can be of decisive importance in helping to build or destroy national unity. Every national group knows that the press in their own language is a decisive key in the building of that unity.

'There is one paper, however, that serves all national groups; that serves the interest of all the people of the entire nation. This paper truly reflects the sentiment and hopes of all the working people of America.

'It is the most active supporter and publicizer of all IWO activities. It is the only English language newspaper that consistently prints that kind of news that is of particular interest to the membership of the IWO. It is the only English language newspaper that has a weekly column, every Friday, devoted to the activities of the IWO lodges and membership.

'That paper is the DAILY WORKER. It deserves the support of every IWO member, who should read it regularly, subscribe to the Sunday issue, THE WORKER, and aid as much as possible in its present fund raising campaign.

'Only by building the DAILY WORKER and the WORKER can the Order and the entire progressive movement hope to reach the people with a consistent message of support for the war and the unity and freedom of all peoples.' "

Informant #T6 made available the following throw-away obtained from Communist Party Headquarters, 201 West Franklin Street, Baltimore; this throw-away is being retained in the instant file: